



Parks and Recreation Department Board Minutes
Tuesday, May 24, 2005
Meeting

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department Parks Board was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at the Parks and Recreation Department Main Office, 200 S. Lamar, Blvd. Board Room

Board members present: Board Chair Rosemary Castleberry, Board Vice-chair Linda Guerrero, Jeb Boyt, Jeff Francell and Leonard Lyons.

Board members absent: Marilyn Bostick, Hector Ortiz, Clint Small and Mark Vane.

Staff member present: Warren Struss, Stuart Strong, Cora Wright, Jay Stone, Mendy Marshall, Randy Scott and Tino Garcia.

A. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Rosemary Castleberry at 7:15 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

Board member Boyt moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Board member Guerrero. Motion passed.

C. Citizen Communication: N/A

D. Public Hearing for Zilker Park Boat Rental

Jay Stone reported that the Zilker Park Boat Rental has exhausted all extensions and as a result, the contract must be rebid. The rental, in existence since 1969, has annually paid the city approximately \$17,000 per year. Mr. Stone indicated that signs were posted announcing the public hearing and notices were posted on the PARD web page. To date no input as been received. An RFP (request for proposal) will be ready within the next 3 weeks for the committee review and it will be posted sometime later for anyone interested in bidding for the concession contract. Notices will also be placed in the paper.

E. Items for Action

1. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding Landscape Lighting Pilot Project.

Director Struss provided an overview of the Landscape Lighting Pilot Project which has scheduled a volunteer workday for June 3rd. If approved by the Parks Board, low level ground lighting will be placed along parts of the trail that are very dark. The pilot program will be funded by volunteer funds (approximately \$15,000 for the 3 lights plus solar panels). If the pilot proves to be successful, 4 other sections of the trail will be improved with the low level ground lighting. Board member Boyt moved to approved the recommendation to the Director regarding the Landscape Lighting Pilot Project seconded by Board member Francell. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Make a recommendation to the Director regarding Kealing Joint Use Proposal. Dan Robertson, Director of Planning Services, AISD, reminded everyone about the ongoing partnership/relationship between the department and Kealing. They are requesting a permanent addition site (new classrooms) which will involve the relocation of the current tennis courts. Twenty eight additional parking spaces will also be built. If approved, portable buildings currently being used will no longer be needed. Board member Boyt indicated that the Land and Facilities committee had discussed the proposal and indicated it should move forward. Board member Francell moved to accept the recommendation regarding the Joint Use Proposal, seconded by Board member Guerrero. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Make recommendation to the Director regarding the proposed Mitigation Plan for Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP) Project at Reed Park.

Board member Boyt reported that Land and Facilities committee had received the proposal mitigation regarding Reed Park and recommended that the Director proceed with the project. Board member Francell moved to support the proposal mitigation plan for Austin Clean Water Program for Reed Park, seconded by Board member Guerrero. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Appointment to Committees – Item postponed

F. Items for Information: Board member Boyt reported on the following: Arts in Public Places, the upcoming National Trails Day on June 4th and a bike tour of some proposal trails along Boggy Creek.

G. Director's Report

Director Struss informed the board of the upcoming 5th anniversary memorial for Officer William B. Jones. The Texas Triathlon will be held on Memorial Day with 4 to 5 thousand people expected to participate. All 47 pools will be opened city-wide by mid-June. On June 3rd, the department in conjunction with the Austin Trails Foundation will pilot a project to place safety lighting (small landscape lighting along certain parts of the

trail). The lights will be placed around Lou Neff point from 5:00 a.m. until sunrise and until 10 p.m. at night. The board was invited to attend the ceremonies of the summer playground program on June 8th. This year's theme is PlayStrong. The Zoning and Planning Commission voted 8-1 requiring the department go back and comprise 4 tennis courts and bring back to the commission a new design with a new workable solution.

H. Committee Reports

Programs Committee – Board member Guerrero reported on the infrastructure regarding the BCCP.

Navigation Committee – Board member Francell reported that St. Tropez agenda item will be coming before the board soon.

Land and Facilities – Board member Boyt indicated that the committee had received the Hartman garden proposal (outline for the agreement) for the public/private management of the garden center. Staff is in the process of preparing a response.

I. Items from Board Members

Board member Francell requested CIP needs for the Department at the next board meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

J. Adjourn